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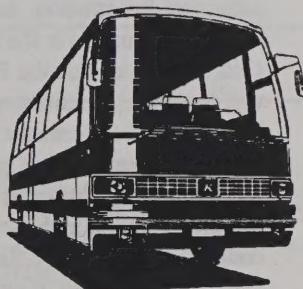
Hello one and all. Is that February I see marked on the calendar?. I hope it is because that means two things. Spring is one month closer and I better not forget about Valentines Day. I don't want to have to sleep out in my shack.

Let's give a big round of applause to those two politicians, I mean auctioneers who did a great job at lasts months FWRC Auction. I believe those two horsetraders could sell refrigerators to eskimos. The two are none other than Jim Pliett and Dave the donut eater Beltz. Good Job! I'm looking forward to next year, and more of those Pliettsky grab bags.



Hey!! Listen up! There's something new happening with the new W9TE 146.94 repeater. A new type of net is coming your way. "The COMPUTER NET". Yes I said computer. Do you have a question about your computer? Do you have an old computer and would like to upgrade? This will be an information sharing net, don't be afraid to jump in and contribute or ask

questions. You may be able to help someone else with a problem you yourself have experienced. Computers are quickly becoming a bigger part of our lives each day. Come join in the fun! And become informed at the same time. The " Computer Net" will be held every other Wednesday night at 8:00PM starting February 21st. If my guess is correct the net will expand to a weekly net in a very short time. If you're like me I always seem to have a hard time figuring out those darn computer information manuals. I had to get help last week to get a program copied to a disk. Turn on, tune in, and tune up your computer. The all new W9TE "COMPUTER NET" don't miss it!



Big Wheels a Rollin'. Yes, the FWRC is going places. We are now planning a bus trip to the Mother of all hamfests. The Dayton Hamvention. We have contracted Bosch Coach Lines for a deluxe streamlined coach complete with air conditioning, stereo, VCR, and restrooms. We will leave Ft. Wayne early Saturday morning May 18th and return later that day. It takes about 3 hours to get to Dayton Ohio from Ft. Wayne. You will have 9 hours to browse around the Dayton Hamfest. You say to yourself, "I can't see all of Dayton in 9 hours". Your right, you can't see Disney World in 9 hours either. And you're not spending what it would cost you to see Disney World. The entire bus trip will cost you ONLY \$15.00. That's right!

Round trip. You would have a hard time finding a decent place to park at Dayton for \$15.00. The motels and hotels in Dayton have adopted a new policy. If you stay one night you must pay for 3 nights. Your talking BIG BUCKS and then add your food on to that. Leave the driving up to us (not me, I'm a good driver I just can't see where I'm going). The bus has 6 cargo bays to hold lots of precious radio gear. We have several options available to us. If you would like to stop somewhere to eat on the way home we can do that too. It has all of the ingredients for a real good time. And remember, the bus will drop you off right in front of the main door. No need to worry about mother nature. THIS BUS TRIP IS OPEN TO ALL FWRC MEMBERS. FAMILY AND FRIENDS. I am currently working on a plan to get us a discount on admission to the hamfest by purchasing the tickets early. DON'T DELAY! Please see registration form in this issue of the Hamsplatter. Get your reservation made NOW. Please address your check to:

FWRC BUS TRIP
4661 Trier Rd.
Ft Wayne, In 46815

PLEASE INDICATE NUMBER OF TICKETS AND NAMES OF PERSONS GOING.

And get ready for a good time!
More information upcoming!!

Another great program coming up this month at the FWRC. A presentation will be given by the Northeast Indiana Medical Response Team. Lynn Patton, surgical nurse and administrative officer will be our guest speaker. You don't want to miss this. The program will include a deluxe tour of the emergency response

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vehicle M.A.D.E (Mobile Advanced Disaster Element Vehicle). This deluxe tractor trailer combination is domiciled at North American Van Lines here in Ft. Wayne. This unit has been flown all over the country in the cargo bay of a C-5 Galaxy transport aircraft. Seven different ambulance authorities were involved in the design of the M.A.D.E.

The Emergency Response Team is heavily involved in communications and is currently actively recruiting Amateur Radio Operators. This program is well worth your time. Don't miss out. Be sure to read the article in this months Hamsplatter about our Radio club booth at this years Ft. Wayne Sports Vacation and Boat Show. See ya' on the radio!

Saloon for now,

Cliffie N9MKB

January 1995 Minutes



The following are the recorded minutes of the Fort Wayne Radio Club:

The January meeting of the Ft. Wayne Radio Club was held at the Salem Church of Christ on 19 January, 1996. President Cliff Shreve presided; there were about 80 people present. The meeting started about 19:40 hours.

The December, 1995 minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer Carl Rittenhouse was in the midst of getting ready for the club auction to follow immediately after the business meeting. He noted that the treasurer's report was "the same as last month".

Cliff noted that the Santa's visit to the State Development Center via ATV went over great again this year. The club received a letter of appreciation from Kay Lantz, Director of the Center. They hope to see us back again next year.

As had been noted when the FWRC

absorbed the Murphy repeater, the .94 Swap Net continues to function. Cliff mentioned that some help in the task of overseeing Swap Net operations would be appreciated, so anyone interested in helping out should make their interest known.

While the Dayton Hamfest is a three day affair, many hams can only get away for one day, and some have difficulty with transportation. This year, the club is looking into renting a bus for a one day over and back trip to Dayton. This would be a comfortable over the road type bus with significant storage underneath for all the goodies that might likely be purchased at the hamfest. Initial planning indicates it would depart from and return to the (Salem Church of Christ) parking lot, and would drop you off at the Hamfest front door. The estimated cost would be \$15.00 per person. Contact Cliff Shreve (483-7570) for additional information, and stay tuned for further information in the Hamsplatter.

Cliff announced that the February meeting will feature a presentation by Lynn Patton, Director of the Northeast Indiana Medical Response Team. This group is outfitted with a specially designed 18 wheeler type trailer that is routinely airlifted around the country, along with the Response Team, to help out in the event of emergency/disaster situations. Lynn will have the facility at the meeting so that Club member may tour it. Following the business meeting, the annual club auction commenced. Auctioneers Jim (bow tie) Pliett and Dave (of the smooth voice) Beltz kept everything under control in true auctioneer fashion, and a considerable amount of items changed hands.

Respectfully Submitted

Al Burke, WB9SSE

Old Tyme Chatter

-Ted Clifton, W9TC

From time to time you will see an illustration of a person who has just made a breakthrough to a new idea. Above their head is a bright light bulb. In my case it was reversed, the light bulb was burnt out.

Around ten years ago, I purchased some industrial lamps from Robert Schram, K9KUV. I was experiencing a number of

burnout's of over-the-counter lamps. It was my understanding the bulbs purchased from K9KUV were manufactured in Poland.



Two weeks ago, I was surprised to see that one lamp had burnt out. "Idea," now I had the answer to the joke about "How many Poles are required to replace a light bulb?" The answer must be, that the average Polish man had very little experience in this job application.

My age being 85+, I was able to project that I would require ca. a dozen more lamps to see me through to the age of 95. I made contact with K9KUV to obtain the QTH for the purchase of the Polish made lamps. Bob then blew up my idea telling me the lamps were made Stateside and he could supply them at my request. Now I find I am unable to sell my story to the Reader's Digest.

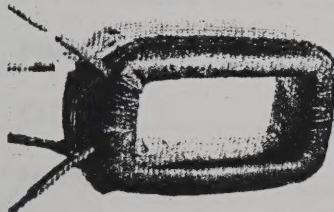
How many of our members worked P4OWA or P401 in Aruba? If so, did you realize you were talking to my neighbor John K9UWA at his winter retreat?

Now to our history lesson. The debt that radio owes to Michael Faraday, genius born of an English blacksmith in 1791 is many-fold. (What's wrong with that? my father was a blacksmith.) He established the laws of magnetic induction, following this by building electric motors, generators, and transformers. He discovered alternating current. He evaluated the relative merits of different dielectric's used between condenser plates. But most important of all, he founded the electromagnetic theory of light. It was upon his work in this direction that the theories of the great Scotch mathematician, James Clerk Maxwell, were based. It was Maxwell who proved who proved mathematically that Faraday's conceptions were tenable, and who added, along with its roof, the astounding assertion that electric and magnetic phenomena were

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identical with light -- "Light consists in the transverse undulations of the same medium (ether) which is the cause of electric and magnetic phenomena." (From his Electricity & Magnetism.)

Five years after Maxwell's death the young German student, Heinrich Rudolf Hertz, attempted the theoretical justification of Maxwell's mathematical work. After some effort in this direction he turned to an attempt at experimental verification. His resultant discovery consisted of finding a means for detecting the electromagnetic waves after they had been transmitted across space - the now Historic "resonator", or induction coil and spark gap circuit.



The evolution of the radio art burgeoned after publication of the result of Hertz' experiments in 1897. The manner of this evolution was in the true spirit of scientific research. At no point was there a sharp, visionary breaking into intelligence on the part of one man; there arose no inspirational genius, who caused the whole art to vivify into sudden birth. Each man added a little to the common heap of knowledge, and slowly, decade after decade, century after century, it grew.

Faraday....Maxwell....Hertz. Now the next step in the progression.

In 1894 a young Anglo-Italian by the name of Guglielmo Marconi came along and gathered up the entire top of the heap of knowledge that had accumulated through twenty-five hundred years and put the devices he found there to practical work.

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DAYTON BUS TRIP Registration Form

May 18th, 1996. Bus will leave from Salem Church on Lake ave, Fort Wayne at 4:00am, arrive at Dayton at 8:00am local time, leave Dayton at 5:00pm local time, and arrive back at Fort Wayne around 8:00-9:00pm, stopping for dinner on the way back.

The trip is open to all FWRC members, family and friends. Cost is \$15 per person for the transportation. Admission ticket to the Hamfest is extra, and can be reserved for you at a discount. All registrations must be received by April 15, 1996. There will be no refunds for cancellations, but you may transfer your reservation if you can find someone to "buy" your spot. Call Cliff, N9MKB at 483-7570 for any additional information, questions.

NAME(S) of persons riding:

YOUR ADDRESS:

Your Phone Number:

Total persons _____ X \$15.00 = _____ Due

Please Reserve for me _____ Discount Admission Tickets

Mail this form to:

FWRC BUS TRIP
4661 Trier Rd.
Fort Wayne, IN 46815



For Sale: Tri-band beam antenna (10-15-20) three element, 12 ft boom. \$60
Kevin, N9IWW, 219-489-0937

Do you have an interesting article, news item, or cartoon which you can contribute to the Hamsplatter? Do you have some spare equipment collecting dust that you want to sell? If so, please contact me, Kris, KF9AW. My day phone is 487-3286, evenings 486-7324. Packet messages can be directed to me on 144.97, WV9INX.

The deadline for submissions to the March Hamsplatter is February 29, 1996!

1996 MEMBERSHIP DATA: (Give this form to the treasurer at any FWRC meeting or mail to address below)

NAME _____ CALL _____ CLASS: N T G A E

MAIL ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME TELEPHONE # () _____ WORK TELEPHONE # () _____

SHALL WE LIST YOUR ADDR/PHONE # IN MEMBER ROSTER? Y N ARRL MEMBER? Y N

MEMBERSHIP TERM: (JAN-DEC) JULY-DEC; July 1-Dec 31 ONLY

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: \$21.00/yr \$10.50/yr immediate family(list all calls)

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP: \$15.00/yr \$7.50/yr licensed member

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP: \$6.00/yr \$3.00/yr full time student

ASSOCIATE MEMBER: \$15.00/yr \$7.50/yr unlicensed member

YOUR CHECK NUMBER # _____ PLEASE PAY BY CHECK, IT'S EASIER FOR BOTH OF US!

FORT WAYNE RADIO CLUB MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK (Request one from President at any Regular Club Meeting)
Provided at no cost to club members, this handbook provides a full set of information about present and past Club activities, events, and functions. The handbook is available in a clear cover binder, and is upgradeable by easy insertion of new pages into the three-hole binder.

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